

Sparkling Diamonds!

The Grandest Display of Precious Stones Ever Seen in Decatur.

SPECIAL PROCLAMATION.—The great display will begin at my store, 146 East Prairie street, east of Post Office, on Monday, Dec. 21st, and will continue day and evening until Christmas.

LOVELY DIAMONDS.

This extensive assortment of precious stones will afford everybody a rare opportunity to make selections to suit them. The display will represent thousands of dollars. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to call and see the gems—every one a beauty. Come in and look through whether you want to buy or not. An opportunity to inspect such an array of beautiful diamonds is seldom afforded in a western city. You will be sure to be suited if you want to buy. The variety of style of cutting and size will be so large that any pattern or size can be had. The display will include

—EARRINGS, PINS, PENDANTS, BRACELETS,—

Neckchains set with Diamonds, all at various prices.

RINGS.

You can have them set with any precious stones you desire, such as Diamonds, Emerald, Ruby, Sapphire, Opal, Pearl and Turquoise. Also in the novelties, Brown and Canary Diamonds, which are rarities. Drop in and see the Diamonds.

E. J. HARPSTRITE,

THE JEWELER.

146 East Prairie Street, East of Post Office.

C. B. PRESCOTT,

HAINE'S PIANOS,

Strictly High Grade.

EVERETT PIANOS,

First-Class—Medium Priced.

STERLING PIANOS,

Best Low Priced Piano in the World

PACKARD ORGANS,

Superior to All Others.

NEWMAN BROS. ORGANS,

First Class; Medium Priced.

SELECTED STOCK of the

above goods for the Holiday

Trade now in stock, and more

coming for the next sixty

days. SPECIAL PRICES TO

CASH BUYERS. Take advantage

of this to secure a Piano or

an organ at exceptionally Low Prices.

It will pay you to read the

following list, then call and

examine the goods, and we

guarantee the price will suit

you.

The Celebrated Washburn Guitar,

HAS NO EQUAL.

THE "ARION" GUITAR,

A FINE INSTRUMENT.

THE "LAKESIDE" GUITAR,

A GOOD, SUBSTANTIAL ARTIST.

THE FAMOUS STRATTON VIOLINS.

THE FINEST IN THE MARKET.

My stock of Accordeons and

Musical Merchandise cannot

be surpassed in QUALITY

and QUANTITY, and my

prices cannot be duplicated

by any dealer outside of Chi-

cago, A FACT easily verified.

C. B. PRESCOTT,

Water Street.

AN OLD-FASHIONED IDEA.

It used to be thought that the only

way to move money was to "bait

it" in an old powder pot or some-

thing, a little at a time, as it could be

spared. No one ever thought of get-

ting interest on his savings or of

making the money in the pot earn

anything. It is not so now. People

have grown into better ideas. So

small a sum as 40 cents per month

may be saved and profitably invested

in the Equitable Building and Loan

Society of Decatur. Some on light as

\$1.20 per month may also be saved

and invested. Every dollar earns the

same as every other dollar. No pre-

ferred stockholders. Women and

children may carry stock. It will

teach boys and girls the value of a

dollar, properly handled.

The Equitable is a national organ-

ization.

Investigation and correspondence

solicited.

A. DERWOOD SMITH

General Agent, Decatur, Ill.

See attractive terms to good Agents.

See page 2.

PRESERVE YOUR EYES.

JAMES THOMAS,

Practical optician in the detection and

correction of all visual imperfections by the proper

adjustment of spectacles. Office—222 North Water street, opposite First

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DAILY REPUBLICAN.

Christmas and Holiday

HEILMAN'S.

Cherries, Apricots, Pears, Sugar, Peaches, Cans.

HOME-MADE FRUIT CAKE.

PLUM PUDDING.

GREEN TURTLE MEAT.

Cleaned Currants and Raisins.

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CLOSE OF THE FAIR.

About \$350 Cleared by the Ladies' Aid Society of Grace M. E. Church.

The fair and festival which was held yesterday afternoon and evening by the Ladies' Aid Society of Grace M. E. Church, at the court room, was a grand success, the receipts amounting to nearly \$350 above expenses. The arrangement of the fair was in charge of Mrs. G. R. Steele and Mrs. A. W. Conklin. The fair was a large crowd present last night at the supper hour, and during the evening almost everything in the booths was sold at good prices. The dinner yesterday was likewise liberally patronized. The candy booth was in charge of Misses Jennie Leiby and Nora Parker; the doll booth, Misses Carrie Clark and Hattie Wood; the fancy booth, Mrs. J. E. King, Misses Marie Shellabarger, Blanche Oneal and Anna Henkle. The dinner and supper tables were in charge of Mrs. W. F. Dennis, Mrs. R. L. Dickson, Mrs. S. E. Honkle, Mrs. R. Farley, Mrs. D. S. Shellabarger, Mrs. George Leiby and Mrs. H. C. Anthony, assisted by a number of young ladies. Mrs. J. G. Badenhausen had charge of the ice cream table, and Mrs. S. A. Orchard officiated at the oyster table. Joe Morris took in the nickels and dimes at the check room. The proceeds will be expended in repairing the inside of the church.

The Insurance Was \$17,000.

J. G. Walker returned last night from Springfield, where he went to confer with Macpherson, Edwards & Co., who had a financial interest in the Boston Store, destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Mr. Walker said it was his intention to resume business again as soon as possible, either in the old place or at some new location, if one could be found. He feels crushed by the calamity, but he said: "I am too young to give up yet, and I will be in business again as soon as I can get a settlement with the insurance companies." The insurance on the stock was as follows:

People's of Manchester, N. H. \$1,000

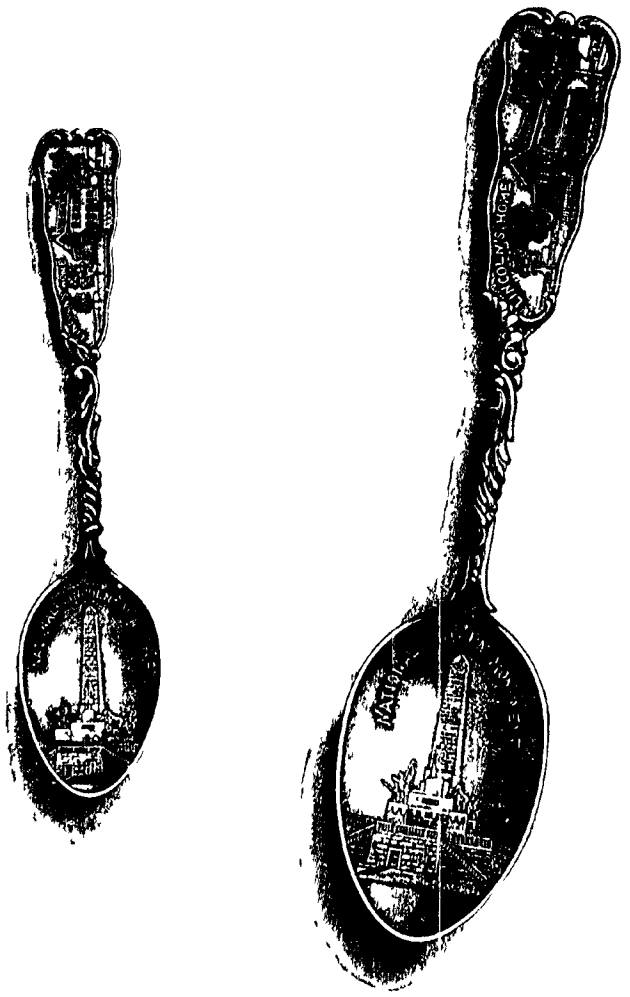
Security of New Haven, Conn. 1,000

St. Paul, German, St. Paul 2,000

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SOUVENIRS.



When buying a Friendship Spoon to send out of this State you will want to see our ILLINOIS Teaspoon and Coffee Spoon, in solid sterling silver.

OTTO E. CONTIS & BRO.,

Jewelers and Dealers in China.

IT IS A FACT

That the short time we have been in business as affirm we have developed a trade that speaks words of praise for our line of CLOTHING and GENTS' FURNISHINGS.

In looking for HOLIDAY GOODS don't forget us. Our line is too great to itemize. Come and see for yourselves.

The Popular Clothing Firm,

BRYAN, JONES & CO.

4 Doors West of Post Office.

1891-1855-36

At the Fat Stock Show recently held in Chicago we purchased of Wm. S. Van Natta, of Fowler, Ind., the noted Hereford breeder, the prize-bred Hereford and Sussex steer under one year old, of John Hudson, Mowenaqua, Ill., the 1st and 2d prize yearling Devon steers. These steers are not large but are ripe and thick in flesh and will produce a quality of beef as choice as any we have ever offered you. In addition to the above we have a 3-year-old brown Swiss heifer from the herd of Abe Bourquin, Nokomis, Ill., and of D. P. Keller, of Macon, five choice 2-year-old Polled Angus heifers. Our patrons may rest assured that the high standard of excellence of our holiday beef will be maintained in what we shall place on our blocks this season.

Imboden Bros.

GO TO FREEMAN BROS.

Fine Shoes, School Shoes, Good Shoes, Working Shoes, Cheap Shoes, Sunday Shoes, WATER-PROOF GRAIN BOOTS—For Farmers, Butchers and Brewers.

Ladies' and Gents' Over-Gaiters, Ladies' and Gents' Stocking Heel Protectors, Boys' and Gents' Patent Leather Dancing Slippers, Rubber Instep-Overs and Foot-Holders, Holiday Slippers, Doll Shoes, Babies' Chamois and Soft Sole Shoes.

Remember the Place,

114 MERCHANT STREET, on the Old Square.

DAILY REPUBLICAN.

+ OYSTERS +

—AND—

Lunch

—AT—

WOOD'S.

WEDNESDAY EVE. DEC 23, 1891.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

All English.

The sets we sell at \$9.00, \$7.50, \$5.00, \$3.50, \$2.00, \$1.00 and \$1.00, are all English porcelain, and we have plenty of them. We do not want you to miss this sale. E. D. Bartholomew & Co.

Denz & Son, tailors.

The best and cheapest air rifles, 90c.

Stors. d2dt

Buy your candles at Wood's d10-d&w

Teeth, \$3—Hoskins & Moore, dentists.

Good winter apples only \$2.00 a barrel at May & Obermann's grocery store.

Our homemade candies are the best.

Wood, 112 Merchant street d10-d&w

We can cut you a 1 to Holiday Presents—Romain Bros. d12-d&w

The Harry Miller's buttercups—none better.

Oysters by the can at Wood's d10-d&w

Forty styles of Guit and Collar boxes, at reduced prices at Romain's Pharmacy.

Lowrey's fine chocolate at Wood's. d10-d&w

STAMED linens, new and fresh, in great variety, at Romain Bros. d12-d&w

OYSTERS, raw, stewed, or fried, at Wood's.

500 WHIPS, from 10c to 75c, worth three times the money at the 90c Store. d2dt

Blank & Grass is the place to buy your Paints, Wall Paper and Window Shades. a5 dt

If you can't find what you want for a holiday present, go to the 90c Store. d2dt

Three Saxon Beauty kid gloves are \$1.25—have no equal—at Linn Scruggs D. G. & Co. d2dt

The "Turkish Bath Musical Comedy company" were in the city to day. They left for Taylorville.

Over 100 styles in Japanese silk handkerchiefs, some are beautiful, all are cheap, at Romain Bros. d12-d&w

The Dentist agent for the Remington Standard Typewriter is J. H. Young, at the Republican office. d1t

RALPH TEMPLETON has a large stock of Out Glass goods which he is selling very cheap for the next week. d1 d4

When looking for Christmas presents go to Sundler's clothing and jewelry sale, 230 North Water street—[Dec. 19d&w]

For muffs, feather collars and children's fur sets cheaper than anybody will show you, at Romain Bros. d12-d&w

Low prices on carpets, wall-paper, Linoleums, rugs, mats, Chinese silks and mattings has worked wonders in the increase of trade at Abel's Carpet House [Dec. 19d&w]

The body found near Wichita, Ky., proves, as was expected, to be the body of Howard Dean, of Galesburg, who disappeared from Chicago mysteriously recently. He was murdered.

INA P. BAILEY, traveling agent of the Galesburg, Ill., Mutual Benefit Association, committed suicide last night at Oshkosh, Wis., by cutting his throat. Despondency is ascribed as the cause.

A new very fine toilet cases for sale below cost at the Opera House Pharmacy, Ralph Templeton, proprietor. They would make very nice Christmas presents. Call around and inspect the stock.

This steam pipes at the new St. Nicholas hotel were tested this morning. The boiler and pipes worked smoothly, and there was good heat throughout the building.

Did you ever buy a horse and not have some nagging as to his points till they were fully tested? Not so with Ayer's Sarsaparilla, you may be sure of it at the start. It never disappoints those who give it a fair and persistent trial.

STEWART MAHER is preparing to give the forty nine papers at the county poor farm the usual Christmas treat. He will give a present, candies and apples, to all, and a turkey dinner, and to each of the women will be given a new dress.

The Deatur Gun Club will give a large shooting match at East Park Boulevard on Christmas day. Extensive preparations are being made for the occasion. Some 200 live pigeons besides a large number of Peoria blackbirds will be used.

ABRAHAM FUNK, who died of grip near Macon, aged 82 years, was the owner of a farm of 100 acres. He was the father of ten children. Those living are Mrs. Susan Berry, of Kansas, Henry Funk, of Pana, Nob, of Kansas, Amos, of Daniel, Ill., Maria Stiers, of Logan, Ohio; Albert, of Flat Branch, Shelby county, Rufus K., of Oregon, and John P., near Macon.

MARRIAGE licenses have been issued to William Henry and Miss Maria Ann Hudson, both of Mowenaqua, to Mont Shultz, of Terre Haute, and Miss Nellie M. Smith, of Deatur; to William Stiger and Miss Lucy Kennedy, both of Deatur, to John H. Hutton and Miss Maggie England, both of Latham, Ill., and to Frank H. Johnson and Miss Sophia Tandler, both of Deatur.

The stockholders of the North & Southern Railroad Company of Illinois, formerly the St. Louis & Chicago, held a meeting Monday in Springfield. The following board of directors for the ensuing year was elected: C. L. Fyatt, New York, D. D. Withers, New York, A. Brunton, Jr., New York; C. H. Bosworth, John M. Bunn and James Cook, Springfield, and E. W. Farris, Illinois.

Now you know that Farris & Lapham always sold your shoes cheap. But all past prices are not in it compared with the low prices which they are now quoting. They must turn their present wholesale stock into cash before January 1 and they have to sell the bulk of it at retail in Deatur. Better go there and buy now. Nothing like getting a pair of shoes at half price when you can. Farris & Lapham, 148 East Main street.

THE EXPERIENCE OF A FARM HAND from Oakley at a Deatur Bank.

A young man who had been in the employ of a farmer near Oakley had an annoying experience in Deatur this week when he was promptly arrested at one of the banks on suspicion of being a forger. At his home in the country the farmer in question had made a settlement with the young man, but he had no bank checks, and so both drove to Oakley on the chilly day and went to the store of a merchant who was asked to draw up the check for about \$30 due the young man. It was done, and then the farmer asked the merchant to sign his (the farmer's) name to the check. He was chilly and said his hands were too stiff to write. The name was signed by the merchant, but the writing was wholly unlike that of the farmer who had his money in the Deatur bank. The same day the young man came to Deatur and went to the bank to get his money. He presented the check, which at a glance the paying teller discovered to be crooked and possibly a forgery. The young man was detained until Marshal Mason could be summoned. The young man protested that he was not a forger in any sense, and urged the bank and officer to telephone the Oakley merchant to secure confirmation of his explanation of his connection with the check and the manner in which it was drawn. The telephone was used and the merchant quickly strangled out the cause to the satisfaction of the bank and the marshal. Perhaps the thought never entered the head of the Oakley farmer and the merchant that the check, drawn as it was, would occasion any trouble. It was left to the innocent farm hand to discover that a check drawn by anyone but the party having the cash on deposit at the bank is very likely to produce searching inquiry and the presence of an officer to see that the seeker for the money doesn't get out of sight. Hereafter that farmer will sign his own checks no matter how chilly his may feel.

A BRAKEMAN INJURED

P. O. DAVIS, of this City, Receives Serious Injuries this Morning

While attempting to couple an engine to a number of freight cars at Bement this morning about 10:30, brakeman P. O. Davis, of Wabash freight No. 70, going east, accidentally caught his left leg between the bumpers and received very serious injuries. A terrible gash was inflicted in that member and he received several injuries in the breast. A special was at once made up and the unfortunate man taken through this city to the Wabash hospital at Springfield. Dr. W. B. Hosteler, the local Wabash surgeon, joined the party here and accompanied them to Springfield. Although no bones were broken, Davis' injuries are very serious and may result in the amputation of the leg. He is a married man and formerly resided at Buffalo, Ill. A short time ago he entered the employ of the Wabash railway and he and his wife have been boarding in this city on East North street. Mrs. Davis met her husband at the depot and went to Springfield to assist in giving her husband attention.

Fugh Gorin on Clean Newspapers.

J. Fugh Gorin, son of J. R. Gorin, who is in business in New York has written a highly interesting and strong article, which appeared in the New York Post a few days ago. The communication was one indorsing an editorial previously published in the Post regarding the publication of unclean news indulged in by certain newspapers almost every city in the land. Mr. Gorin holds, and correctly too, that "the base business of peddling petty gossip, scandal, salacious accounts of adulteries, disgusting details of divorce cases, and revolting particulars of crimes and executions, without doubt a lucrative business" but when indulged in for no higher motive than to make money, it is as if the editors were to call it out from beneath the pubic streets. He says that the city of New York has three papers that do not grovel in the sort of business, the Post, the Times and the Tribune. He says that "none of these papers are found on criminals, the short haired fraternity has no use for them, and the general public they receive, and the great influence they wield in matters of state, and otherwise is done in no small degree to the respect and honor and gratitude that their cleanliness inspires."

The Postmaster's Brother

Postmaster J. T. Hubbard left to day for Brazil, Ind., to attend the funeral of his brother, George E. Hubbard, who died yesterday as the result of liver and kidney trouble. The deceased was 48 years of age and leaves a widow and 12 sons in good circumstances. He was the owner of 200 acres of coal land and had other interests. He was a banker for five years, and was twice elected clerk of Clay county.

Sales of Real Estate.

David Walcott to W. W. Drury, lots 2, 3 and 4 in block 6 in the village of Forsyth—\$700.

J. F. Heimick to James A. Brennan, deed to lot 7, block 7, Argenta—\$40.

Mary E. Russell to J. McGorry, deed to lot 5, block 2, D. Maff's addition—\$1100.

S. S. Jack and O. M. Allison to James A. Winslow, deed to lot 21, block 3, Oakland—\$325.

Christmas Chimes.

The Freebyrian Choir, assisted by Mrs. Grace Oneal, Mrs. Harwood, Mr. D. L. Bunn and others, will give a song service in the Opera House on Sunday evening. They are already at work upon an elaborate programme. 23-d2

Holiday Goods.

I have a small stock of Holiday Goods that I will close out at less than cost, as I intend to confine myself strictly to the drug business next year. Don't fail to come in and see what I have got and learn prices. RALPH TEMPLETON.

137 Pieces

of Haviland China in a Dinner Set seems a good many, but we have them including 1/2 tea and 1 dozen Coffee Cups and Saucers, all for \$35.

E. D. Bartholomew & Co

Bought at Auction.

A large lot of beautifully illustrated books for children. We will sell them at about half the usual price. d12-d&w

Don't

fool your money away trying to get better Dinner Sets than we can offer you; it can't be done.

E. D. Bartholomew & Co.

PERSONAL MENTION.

E. G. Allen is among the sick.

E. T. Seger has returned from Cincinnati.

Justice Provost is some little better to-day.

Oliver Baylor is sick with an attack of the grip.

Frank Johnson is home to spend the holidays.

Sheriff Perl is in Macon to day on court business.

William Voorhes, of St. Louis, is in the city to-day.

Clay McMillan has been on the sick list several days.

Mrs. W. W. Mason is confined to her home by sickness.

The 8 year old son of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Collins, is convalescing.

H. Mueller has returned from a business trip to Keokuk, Iowa.

Henry Berk is confined to his home with an attack of the grip.

Miss Ella Morgan left this morning for Chicago on a visit to relatives.

Vernie Henshaw, of Blue Mound, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Addis.

L. W. Hathaway will spend Christmas with his mother and sisters at Kankakee.

E. Fleming, Wabash freight agent, arrived in the city last night from Springfield.

Mr. Adam McKenzie is very sick with pneumonia at her home on East Wood street.

Miss Nellie Bann, a teacher in the Atlanta High School, is home to spend the holidays.

Captain George R. Bacon has gone to Bourbon, Ill., where his parents are both quite sick.

George F. Towne, of Hannibal, Mo., is in Deatur this evening looking for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. William Downe, of Heyworth, Ill., are the guests of Officer Bly for and family.

Miss Molly Tuttle, who is attending school at Rockford, arrived home to day to spend the holidays.

Miss John Ehrbar, and two sons, of Chicago, are visiting Mrs. E's parents, Clerk and Mrs. G. P. Hardy.

II M. Adams, of Tamar, Ill., who with wife is visiting F. Penwell and family, and the Hutchinsons, a call to day.

Misses Buelsh and Gertrude Whitst will arrive in the city tomorrow from Chicago to visit friends and relatives during the holidays.

Miss Mary Smith has arrived from Indianapolis to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Smith, in Liverside place.

J. Ed Strohm, who has been in North Dakota on business for two years, arrived in the city to-day to visit his mother, Mrs. Mary Strohm. Ed will remain here until after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor and daughter, Miss Ella, after being confined to their home on West North street with attacks of the grip. They have all been quite sick with the disease but are better to day.

Charles Hedges, fifth son of Caleb Hedges, arrived in the city from Seward, Neb., where he and two brothers, Walton and Elmer, have charge of a farm of 320 acres. Charles will spend Christmas at his parents' home, and on December 30th he will wed Miss Adella Stuart. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stuart, near Orestis. The couple will reside in Nebraska.

Cards have been received by Deatur friends announcing the approaching marriage of Ralph Templeton, of this city, and Miss W. Berry, on Wednesday evening, January 6, at 8 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Berry, No. 901 East Market street, Akron, Ohio. Mr. Templeton is well known as the proprietor of the Grand Opera House Pharmacy, and Miss Berry is also well acquainted in this city, where for several years she was the school teacher at the Deatur Musical College.

Illinois Circuit of Mile Tracks

Representatives of the racing associations of Danville, Kankakee and Bloomington met in Bloomington yesterday and completed arrangements for the summer meetings of the Illinois circuit of mile tracks. The associations of Springfield and Deatur were not represented, and arrangements as to them were of course not completed. It was determined that the Danville meeting shall be held July 4, 5, 6 and 7, the Bloomington meeting July 12, 13, 14 and 15, and the Kankakee meeting July 19, 20, 21 and 22. The total of the stakes is \$26,100. Purse of \$1,000 each are offered for 235 trotting, 240 pacing, 223 trotting, minute trotting, 228 pacing and 230 trotting. There are many \$500 purses and several of \$400 each.

Bonds Filed

Tax collectors have filed their bonds as follows:

James Michel, Aurora township, bond \$14,736, sureties, John Michel and J. H. Parker.

Charles M. Campbell, Hannington township, bond \$9,206, sureties, Robert H. Woodcock and G. W. Shubert.

E. W. Crow, Pleasant View township, bond \$20,489, sureties, James A. Blair, W. W. Day, J. B. Beckett and J. M. D. and A. K.

A Capital Operation

Lyman J. Gage, the Chicago banker, who was taken suddenly and dangerously ill on his way to New York to attend the World's Fair banquets in that city, is supposed to be on a fair road to recovery. Dr. McBurney, a New York surgeon, assisted by Drs. Walker and Wear, relieved Mr. Gage by a severe surgical operation involving the removal of a section of the intestines.

Robert Thomas, a farmer residing near Ferner City, drew into his windpipe a cork-burr, where it lodged, and his efforts to dislodge it have proved fruitless. Thomas cannot swallow food and is suffering great pain.

Mrs. Maggie Harkay, for twenty two consecutive years a teacher in the Hillsboro public schools, died yesterday, after one day's illness of paralysis of the brain, brought on by a gripe.

SECRET SOCIETY MEETINGS.

KNIGHTS OF KRYPTOS

Regular meeting of Kryptos took place at the Court House last night. The officers, and all members are urged to be present.

\$3.00 or \$3.25.

which is the cheapest—1 dozen 12 pt. Knives, 144 Rogers Bros., or 1 dozen 16 pt. Knives, Landers, Fry & Clark, Ooms and see.

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MARRIED.

At the U. S. post office, 420 North Broadway, December 21, by Rev. J. A. F. King, Mr. Fred E. King and Miss Emma Grubb, both of Deatur.

Lost—A lady's bad complexion and rough, pimply skin, by using Flora A. Jones' famous Blush of Roses. Swearing and Tyler.

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THE IMBODEN MARKET.

Thirty-Six Years in the Business—A Choice Display of Christmas Meats.

The Quarters on the Hooks—Make Selections at Once.

Just thirty-six years ago to-day the Imboden established a meat market in Deatur, and to day the Imboden Bros., O. M. and John G.—sons of the original proprietor, John Imboden, are conducting the business at the same old stand on South Main street, at the corner of Wood street, and on the 36th anniversary they are celebrating the Christmas holidays by a sitting upon the blocks an unusually choice number of thoroughbred Hereford, Devon, Polled Angus and Brown Swiss heifers and young steers—nearly all prize takers at the Fat Stock Show recently held in Chicago. The Christmas beefs were purchased from the following named parties:

From Wm. S. Van Natta, of Fowler, Ind., the noted Hereford breeder, the prize cross-bred Hereford and Sussex steers, under one year old.

From John Hudson, of Mowenaqua, Ill., the first and second prize yearling Devon steers, neither very large but both ripe and thick in flesh, producing a quality of beef as choice as any ever placed upon the blocks at the Imboden market.

From Abe Bourquin, of Nokomis, Ill., the three year old Brown Swiss heifer.

From Hon. D. P. Keller, of Macon, five choice two year old Polled Angus heifers.

The Republican reporter with others called at the market this morning and had a look at the Christmas display. It is certainly one of the finest ever made by Imboden Bros. The enterprising firm always leads in supplying the public with the best meat obtainable the year round, and the holidays come they spread themselves, and patrons have learned by experience that they always get the best at Imboden's.

Besides the excellent beef above described in brief, there is on sale the usual large variety of other supplies for the table, including mutton, lamb, veal, pork, sausage, hams, etc., anything and everything usually found at a first class modern market.

Those wishing roasts, steaks or cuts from the prize Christmas beef should place their orders at once. Do not delay.

THE STREATOR OYCLONE.

He Knocks Out Carroll in the 43d Round and is Declared the Winner.

Nearly 40,000 people were at the Olympic club at New Orleans last night, witness the great and much-talked-of fight between Billy Myer, the Streator Oyclone, and Jimmy Carroll, of California. Ed Myer, Lunk Pope and Alf Kennedy were the seconds for Myer, and Bob Fitzsimmons, Johnnie Griffin, Arthur Gibbons and James Robertson seconds for Carroll. Prof. John Duffy was the referee. Myer weighed 135½ pounds, Carroll 138½. The fight was full of excitement and demonstrated that Myer had pluck, endurance and surprising skill. Myer was given first blood, and in the forty-third round Myer came upon the aggressive, Carroll was weak. Heavy exchanges followed. Carroll received heavy blows from the right on the jaw, going down and staying down fully twenty minutes. Myer was declared the winner and great cheers. A telegram says that he fought a fair and manly contest and deserved the victory for his gentlemanly conduct and fairness. The contest was for a purse of \$4,000.

Jerry Rust and Hog Cholera

A practical test is being made of two methods of inoculating hogs with a view of rendering them secure from attacks of hog cholera. The methods being tried are the Billings method and that provided by the government. The test is being made near Ottawa, Ill. The following dispatch from that city reports the result so far as obtained:

Ottawa, Ill., Dec. 22.—Farmers have been watching with great interest the results of the method of the inoculation of hogs employed by the government bureau of animal industry and the Frank S. Billings method. Fifty-five hogs were purchased by the government and two inoculated on a farm near here Nov. 28. Eight were inoculated by the government method, eighteen by Billings' method and the remainder were left un inoculated. Up to this time five of the hogs inoculated by the Billings method have died. The death of the other pigs would hardly be surprising, owing to the direct exposure to the disease. Farmers are hopeful that the government method of inoculation marks an epoch in the history of hog raising.

STATE NEWS

The funeral of Mrs. Marshall Hewitt, of Palmer, Christian county, took place at the Presbyterian church Sunday. Mrs. Hewitt died at Jacksonville, Fla., whither she had gone a few weeks previous for the benefit of her health.

Nearly all of the teachers of the McLeansboro public schools are so prostrated with this grip and other diseases that it is very uncertain when school will open again, unless some of the higher grades are filled by new teachers.

George Hudson, who in a street fight at Irving a day or two since used a knife upon a young man named Lohr with telling effect, has been bound over to the January term of the Montgomery circuit court for assault with a deadly weapon.

The immaculate Conception Catholic Temperance Society held a largely attended meeting at St. Mary's Hall, Springfield, Monday evening. The principal business of the meeting was the consideration of the question, "How can we best educate the Catholic youth to the necessity of total abstinence from all intoxicating drink?" There was a general discussion of the question which was led by Vice-General T. Hickey and P. H. Donnelly. The recent entertainment of the society was a financial success.

The trial of Daniel Renner for the killing of Royal Voorhes and Robert Creque was commenced Monday at Urbana. One Saturday night, some weeks ago, Royal Voorhes, Robert Creque and Hunt were drinking and Hunt became intoxicated. Voorhes and Creque started to take him home. Renner and two friends, who were acquaintances of Hunt, but who did not know Voorhes or Creque, suspected that Voorhes and Creque were after Hunt's money and also started to see him home. A quarrel ensued which resulted in Renner shooting Voorhes and Creque.

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Cashmere and Broche Shawls.

Collar and Cuff Boxes.